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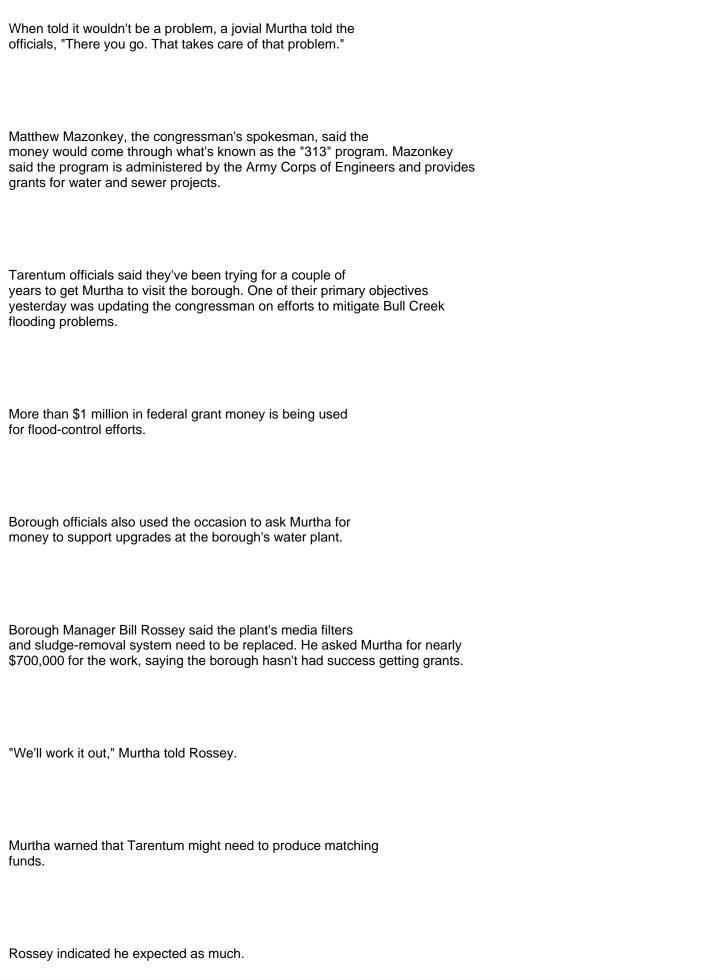
U.S. Rep. John Murtha on Friday pledged \$300,000 in federal grant money for a sewer-line relocation project needed to accommodate Allegheny Ludlum's expansion plans.

Upper Allegheny Joint Sanitary Authority officials asked the Johnstown Democrat to provide the funding.

They have a verbal commitment from Allegheny County for about \$200,000 in additional money that it will take to complete the work along River Avenue just east of Mile Lock Lane near the Harrison-Brackenridge border.

"Can we come up with that?" Murtha asked an aide.

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"We are willing to meet the match," he said.
In addition, Rossey asked the congressman to provide \$197,000 to buy a trailer that would be used to train firefighters.
Rossey described for Murtha a training program offered at Highlands High School that has helped area departments recruit junior firefighters.
In his pitch, Rossey told Murtha that having the trailer at the school would eliminate the need to send students to North Park or Pittsburgh for certain training exercises. He also told the congressman that area firefighters could use the trailer to train their members.
Murtha told Rossey that it's too late to get funding this year but that something could be done to help during the next budget cycle.

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